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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 66 (MAY 31, 1977)

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE 66TH AND FINAL MISSION-WIDE SURVEY. ALL GEO-
GRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATION GRAPHIC SERIES
1501 MAPS.

2. MILITARY SITUATION:

A. DESPITE LOCAL PRESS AND GOVERNMENTAL CLAIMS OF TOTAL VICTORY
IN SHABA, DDN REPORTS POCKETS HOSTILE ACTIVITY REMAIN. HOSTILE

FORCES CONTINUE TO BLOCK THE SOUTHWARD ADVANCE OF FAZ COLUMNS FROM KASAI ALONG THE LULUA RIVER. VILLAGES OF KAKUNYI (APPROX 0815S/2157E, OFF JOG MAPS) AND KAMBANGU (APPROX 0800S/2228E, OFF JOG MAPS) ARE REPORTEDLY OCCUPIED BY HOSTILES. MONITORED HOSTILE RADIO MESSAGES ALSO INDICATE SOME HOSTILE UNITS REMAIN IN FAZ RE-OCCUPIED ZONE.

B. BG LIKULIA, THE FAZ AUDITOR-GENERAL INVESTIGATED REPORTS OF FAZ EXCESSES AGAINST CIVILIAN POPULATION AT TSHIPAO (0941S/2344E). A FAZ LIEUTENANT HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY AND CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR LOOTING AND CAUSING CIVILIAN DEATHS.

C. PER BELGIAN DDN STAFF OFFICER, MOROCCAN TROOP DEPARTURE WILL BE COMPLETE BY 7 JUNE. MOROCCAN MILITARY MATERIEL SUPPOSEDLY WILL REMAIN WITH FAZ; HOWEVER, NO MOROCCANS WILL TRAIN FAZ IN ITS USE.

D. EGYPTIAN MEDICAL DOCTORS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ZAIRE ON 31 MAY 77; MIRAGE PILOTS DEPARTED WEEK OF 23-27 MAY.

3. DOMESTIC PRESS:

DOMESTIC PRESS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS HAS CONCENTRATED ON THE END OF THE SHABA CONFLICT AND THE VICTORY OVER THE FORCES OF EVIL. HEADLINES PROCLAIM MOBUTU'S RETURN TO KINSHASA AS CONQUERING HERO AND HIS PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF FAZ (NO DETAILS GIVEN). LARGE SPREADS OF MOBUTU/SHABA PHOTOS ARE RUN IN THE PAPERS. THE SOVIETS' CULPABILITY IS PLAYED ON AGAIN THROUGH EDITORIALS IN ALL THE MEDIA AND THE REPRINTS OF STATEMENTS OF FOREIGN LEADERS.

ELIMA'S "TURNING POINT" SERIES PART 2 DEALS WITH THE BACKGROUND TO THE CONSPIRACY OF THE CUBANS, ANGOLANS, SOVIETS, EAST GERMANS IN SHABA. PARTS 3 AND 4 COVER ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES; 3 IS A CALL TO ECONOMIC ARMS NOW THAT THE MILITARY BATTLE HAS BEEN WON WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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EMPHASIS ON THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, AND NO. 4 CALLS FOR NEW POLICIES ON EXPORTS TO MAXIMIZE BENEFITS TO ZAIRE.

NGUZA'S TRAVELS ARE GIVEN COVERAGE MENTIONED HIS VISIT TO RABAT, IMPENDING AUDIENCE WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY VANCE IN PARIS.

4. DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY:

. KINSHASA: MOBUTU'S "TRIUMPHAL" RETURN TO KINSHASA ON MAY 28 WAS THE MAJOR EVENT OF THE WEEKEND. AFTER LANDING AT N'DJILI MILITARY AIRFIELD TO FULL MILITARY HONORS, MOBUTU LED A MOTORCADE IN A THREE-HOUR PROCESSION THROUGH CROWD-LINED STREETS TO 20TH OF MAY STADIUM, RESULTING IN THE LARGEST PARADE SINCE HIS "TRIUMPHAL" RETURN FROM PEKING IN 1973. IN HIS SPEECH AT THE STADIUM, MOBUTU DERIDED THE "INVADERS" CLAIMS TO BEING "LIBERATORS" AND "SOCIAL-ISTS", ACCUSING THEM INSTEAD OF PROMOTING TRIBALISM AND REGIONAL-ISM. HE AGAIN DESCRIBED NETO AS ONLY A PAWN TARGETING THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS AS THE REAL VILLAINS INTERESTED ONLY IN "DESTABILIZING" ZAIRE. HE ADMITTED FAZ "MORAL DEFEAT" IN THE EARLY FIGHTING BUT CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD ALREADY TURNED THE TIDE ON APRIL 13 BEFORE

ARRIVAL OF MOROCCAN TROOPS. DESPITE FAZ'S VICTORIES, HOWEVER, MOBUTU STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO HOT PURSUIT. MOBUTU THEN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR SUPPORT FROM MOROCCO AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES, THE "COURAGEOUS" GISCARD D'ESTAING, AND FROM UNNAMED AFRICAN, EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN COUNTRIES. PEOPLE OF ZAIRE WERE ALSO THANKED FOR THE 3 MILLION ZAIRES THEY RAISED FOR THE ARMY. MOBUTU PROMISED THAT FAZ WOULD BE REORGANIZED SO THAT ZAIRE'S ENEMIES WILL NO LONGER SEEK TO CAUSE TROUBLE BY BEGINNING IN SHABA. AFTER CALLING FOR "REDOUBLED VIGILANCE" HE INDICATED HIS INTENTION TO VISIT ALL REGIONS OF ZAIRE TO THANK THE PEOPLE FOR ALL THEY DID TO SUPPORT FAZ.

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B. MOBUTU CONTINUED TO RECEIVE MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM THROUGH-
OUT ZAIRE. ALSO, THE LONG POSTPONED MAMA'S MARCH IN KINSHASA
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1.

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5. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY:

A. ON MAY 27 FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN
RABAT THAT MOBUTU WOULD VISIT MOROCCO ON JUNE 14. NGUZA ALSO MET
THAT DAY WITH KING HASSAN AND MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI TO
REVIEW THE SITUATION IN SHABA AND TO PRESENT A MESSAGE OF THANKS
FOR MOBUTU FOR MOROCCO'S AID.

B. NGUZA ARRIVED IN PARIS ON MAY 28 WHERE HE WILL REPRESENT
ZAIRE IN THE FINAL SESSION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE. HE WILL
REPORTEDLY ALSO MEET WITH VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING ON MAY 31 TO
PRESENT A MESSAGE FROM MOBUTU, PRESUMABLY THANKING HIM FOR FRANCE'S
AID TO ZAIRE.

6. AMCITS:

AMCONSULATE REPORTS METHODIST MISSIONARY PILOTS EVACUATED SEVEN
AMERICAN MISSIONARIES FROM KAPANGA ON MAY 28. THE REPORTED THAT ONE
KAPANGA MISSIONARY, DR. GLEN ESCHTRUTH, WAS KILLED ON ABOUT APRIL
19. OTHER SEVEN AMERICANS WILL BE LEAVING LUBUMBASHI FOR HOLIDAYS
IN EUROPE AND THE US ON MAY 31 AND JUNE 1. METHODIST PILOT
ATTEMPTED TO FLY TO SANDOA ON MAY 29 TO CHECK ON THE TWO AMERICANS,
WHO REMAINED THERE AND HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE TOWN OCCUPIED
IN EARLY MARCH. PLANE WAS NOT PERMITTED BY FAZ TO MAKE THE TRIP
BECAUSE FAZ HAD NOT YET SENT TROOPS TO THE MISSIONARIES' VILLAGE
ABOUT 10 KM OUTSIDE OF SANDOA. WALKER

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